FISCAL NOTE

HJR 983

March 25, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requests the Administrative Office of the Courts to study the feasibility and implementation of creative sentencing for criminal offenses, particularly misdemeanor offenses. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than February 1, 2005.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$11,000 One-Time

Estimate assumes:

- \$6,000 for meeting costs for eight members to attend five meetings at \$150 per member per meeting;
- \$5,000 for consultant services with expertise in alternative sentencing options.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director